

Question Paper

Fully Solved (Questions-Answers)

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

A Highly Simulated Practice Question Paper
for CBSE Class X Term II Examination (SA II)

Time : 3 hrs

Max. Marks : 90

General Instructions

This question paper is divided into four sections

Section A : Reading	20 Marks
Section B : Writing	25 Marks
Section C : Grammar	20 Marks
Section D : Literature	25 Marks

Section A : Reading

[20 Marks]

Que 1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.

1. According to Christ, those who are poor in spirit will find their place in heaven. Those who mourn over the destitution of their spiritual state find themselves closer to God. Submission to God will certainly beget his blessings. People who fight for right things will get satisfaction. They are dear to God who are merciful as God will be kind to them. God touches those who are pure at heart. God blesses the peacemakers. Those children of God will be one with God who suffer fighting for an upright cause.
2. We should not be greedy and waste our life in piling treasures on earth because they have little value and durability. One can easily lose them. Moths consume them or they get rusted. There is also the risk of being stolen by thieves. But no thief can steal the treasure in Heaven and no one can destroy it as it is safeguarded by God, the Father.
3. We should not be anxious about our life, food and clothing because heavenly father takes care of everybody's necessities. e.g., the birds fly in the air. They neither sow nor reap. They neither gather into barns nor do anything else in this regard, yet they don't die of starvation. If he looks after even the tiniest creature, he is certainly going to be more benevolent to us. We must just place ourselves in his hands and not worry about anything. He is our creator. By worrying about ourselves, we are not honouring our creator. Instead of worrying about these insignificant things, we should try to seek the kingdom of God and his divine blessings.
4. The Sermon hints at effective prayer. It says that if you ask something from the heavenly father, he will be kind enough to give you. If you seek spiritual guidance or some solace, God will be kind enough to grant

it. Those who go knocking at his door will be received by him with open arms. He is our father who can never do any ill to us. So we should always be looking for good things to achieve noble things and the blessings of God.

5. The conduct of a human being should be such that he is able to get the blessings of God. For that he will have to cultivate certain qualities. He should be generous, religious and moral. He should not lose his qualities, come what may. Then he should spread good qualities everywhere. He should be morally upright, merciful, generous and forgiving. He ought to be so large-hearted that he doesn't even hate his enemy. He should be ready to forgive the sinners and place his faith in God. He should not make a show of his faith. Nor should he be greedy or worry-worn. He should not judge others or find fault with them. In short, he should be a thorough gentleman.

A. Complete the paragraph using suitable word/phrase. **(1 × 5 = 5)**

This sermon seeks to **(a)** _____ the character of all **(b)** _____. Christ wants us to seek treasures that **(c)** _____ us closer to God. God who has given us birth will always **(d)** _____ our needs. One should develop **(e)** _____ and be a thorough gentleman.

B. Find a word/phrase that conveys the same meaning as **(1 × 2 = 2)**

- (i) large-hearted (para 5)
- (ii) protected (para 2)

C. Complete the following sentences. **(1 × 3 = 3)**

- (i) One should always pray for _____ and _____
- (ii) Through the example of birds, Christ tells us that _____
- (iii) _____ will ensure God's blessings for us.

Que 2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option.

School used to be all about writing, whether it was the exercise books we wrote or the notes we passed round, or the lines we stayed in to do. But not any more. Now it's all about typing. My six year old daughter is part of the first generation that is truly computer literate and I really didn't want her learning copperplate writing. I could see that spelling, grammar, syntax and punctuation were important, but handwriting? By the time she's in university, handwriting may not be as relevant as needlepoint. So when my daughter came home last year with cursive and handwriting homework, I was nonplussed. Cursive was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a quill. By joining up the letters, they kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink blots. But my daughter writes with a laptop. I explained as much to her teacher at the next parent's day. But her teacher explained something to me. Research suggests that the process of writing information down on paper, by hand, has a more direct effect on the formation of memories in the learning process than typing. Taking notes in class is still the most effective way to learn. It's a better way to store the skills for written language in a child's brain than pressing keys. There's nothing old-fashioned about handwriting. Handwriting is where it's at.

A. According to the narrator his daughter is **(1 × 5 = 5)**

- (i) computer literate
- (ii) illiterate
- (iii) copperplate writer
- (iv) handwriting expert

B. _____ was developed to make writing with a quill easier.

- (i) Typing
- (ii) Grammar
- (iii) Cursive writing
- (iv) Note making

C. 'Nonplussed' means

- (i) sad
- (ii) puzzled
- (iii) crying
- (iv) see

D. *Writing information down on paper is _____ typing in the learning process.*

- (i) inferior to
- (ii) same as
- (iii) superior to
- (iv) not as effective as

E. *Writing by hand is considered _____ at the end.*

- (i) old-fashioned
- (ii) of the future
- (iii) not in use anymore
- (iv) not old-fashioned

Que 3. *Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option.*

1. Fair pledges of a fruitful tree, Why do you fall so fast?
Your date is not so past, But you may stay yet here awhile
To blush and gently smile, And go at last.
2. What were you born to be, An hour of half's delight
And so to bid good night?
It was pity Nature brought you forth
Merely to show your worth
And lost you quite.
3. But you are lovely leaves where we
May read how soon things have
Their end, though neer o brave
And after they have shown their pride
Like you awhile they glide
Into the grave.

Robert Herrick

(1 × 5 = 5)

A. *What does 'Fair pledges' imply?*

- (i) Flowers of the tree
- (ii) Some promises
- (iii) Example of trees short life
- (iv) All of these

B. *Which phrases bring forth the short span of a tree's life?*

- (i) You fall so fast an hour of half's delight
- (ii) Stay here yet awhile, your fall so fast
- (iii) It was a pity, you fall so fast
- (iv) Into the grave, you are lovely leaves

C. *The literary device employed in 'what, were ye born to be' is*

- (i) simile
- (ii) transferred epithet
- (iii) alliteration
- (iv) metaphor

D. *The poem brings out the universal theme of*

- (i) short life span of flowers
- (ii) transitoriness of life
- (iii) the process of growth of fruits
- (iv) None of these

E. *Explain 'lovely leaves'.*

- (i) Beautiful leaves
- (ii) Pages of a book
- (iii) Nature's beauty
- (iv) All of these

Section B : Writing Skills

[25 Marks]

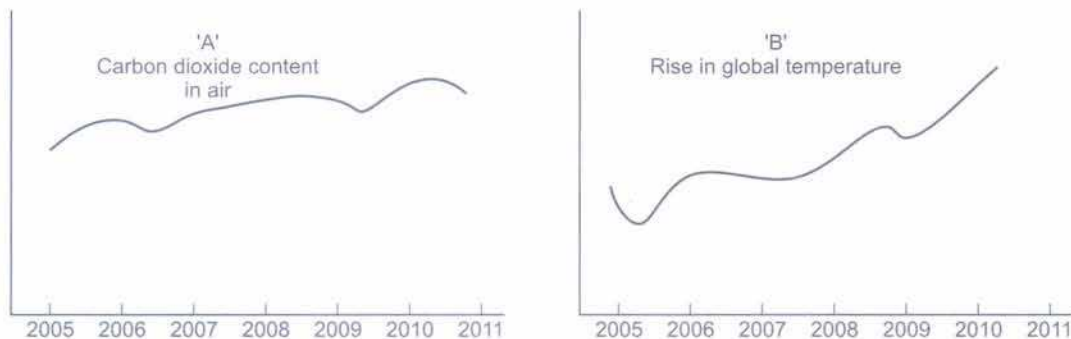
Que 4. Under the 'Traffic Vigilance' programme, your school is organising a workshop for students to improve their awareness about traffic rules, legal procedures against traffic rules violation etc. As the Senior Co-ordinator, inform the senior students about the same and invite the names of interested students through a notice. (50-60 words) (3)

Que 5. Your school had organised a meeting of about 30 students of class XII with the missile-man of India, Former President APJ Abdul Kalam. You were mesmerised by his grace, his simplicity, his open hearted approach, his logical thinking, and his disciplined life as reflected in his talk with you all. He also answered queries of the students regarding India's strengths, national challenges, etc. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings on this meeting. (50-60 words) (3)

Que 6. Given below is some information on Swami Vivekananda-the great spiritual leader and social reformer. On the basis of the given information, draft a bio-sketch. (80-100 words) (4)

Swami Vivekananda	
Birth	12th January, 1863, Calcutta
Family background	Father Vishwanath Datta, advocate in High Court-learned, believed in charity, independence
Childhood name	Narendranath
Education	He excelled in academics, art forms, music
Major contribution	1893-participated in 'Worlds' Religions, Parliament in Chicago
Social and religious work	Established Ramakrishna Math and Mission that showers spiritual guidance, education, basic facilities, help during calamities to people across the world.
Death	1902 at the age of 39 years

Que 7. Study the graphs given below carefully. Graph 'A' shows the rise in the level of CO₂ (carbon dioxide) in the air while graph 'B' shows its effect on the temperature that has led to Global Warming. As Ritesh/Ritika residing at 46, sec-28, Gurgaon, write a letter to the editor 'The Times' expressing your concern over increase in Global Warming, its consequences and suggest means to curb it. (120-150 words) (5)



Que 8. Develop a story for participation in a story writing contest using the given hints. (120-150 words)

(5)

A painter—dedicated—artistic—Parents don't encourage — forgets art—busy in making money —at age of 45, finds a man fighting men to save animals-portrays the scene-masterpiece.

Que 9. The recent failures of the Northern and Eastern power grids led to blackout in 19 states of India as the electricity supply was cutoff for these states due to overuse of electricity by Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

Based on the information given the box, write an article for your school magazine on "Misuse and Mismanagement of Electricity in India". (120-150 Words)

(5)

The Effect of Power Failure

No electricity for homes, industries	Causes
No electricity for hospitals	Illegal electricity connections
Water supply interrupted	Wrong information on actual supply needed
No traffic signals, caused massive traffic jams	distribution company
Metro Railways stopped working-trains stuck in tunnels	Electricity wastage
	Mismanagement by distribution company

Section C : Grammar

[20 Marks]

Que 10. Complete the dialogue given below by choosing the best option. (1/2 × 8 = 4)

Postman : Sir, here is your letter.

Vineet : But this (a) _____ to come in the evening. Why (b) _____ it come early?

Postman : Why are you worried, sir?

You should be happy that it has come before time.

Vineet : You (c) _____ understand. Anyway just leave it here.

Postman : Sir, stop (d) _____ so worried. All is well, I hope?

Vineet : Oh! Yes. All is well. Thanks.

Postman : Good day, Sir!

Vineet : I should (e) _____ out where my boss is. He will be so happy to know that our project has been granted permission. It (f) _____ his dream for almost a decade now.

Sarika : Hi Vineet! You look happy. What is the good news?

Vineet : The good news is that I received a letters just now that shows the (g) _____ of our project.

Sarika : Wow! That's great news!

Vineet : Boss will be so happy!

Sarika : So you are (h) _____ of a promotion?

Vineet : May be I will get one. I would like to be promoted.

Sarika : You ought not to worry. You will definitely be rewarded for your hard work.

Vineet : Thanks.

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| (a) (i) ought | (ii) was |
| (iii) need | (iv) has |
| (b) (i) did | (ii) has |
| (iii) can | (iv) will |
| (c) (i) won't | (ii) mustn't |
| (iii) needn't | (iv) shouldn't |
| (d) (i) behaving | (ii) thinking |
| (iii) looking | (iv) prete |
| (e) (i) search | (ii) find |
| (iii) figure | (iv) rule |
| (f) (i) has been | (ii) is |
| (iii) was | (iv) used to be |
| (g) (i) granting | (ii) approval |
| (iii) passing | (iv) clearing out |
| (h) (i) hopeful | (ii) expecting |
| (iii) reluctant | (iv) approving |

Que 11. Given below is a conversation between two friends. Complete the dialogues by filling in the gaps with most suitable options. (1 × 4 = 4)

Laurel : Hello Hardy! where have you been?

Hardy : (a) _____ .

Laurel : Stop cracking jokes. I am serious. I was waiting for you.

Hardy : May I know (b) _____ ?

Laurel : I was waiting for you to ask you about our plan for vacation in Shimla.

Hardy : (c) _____ ? I don't remember any such plan.

Laurel : Looks like you are in a funny mood again. Fine. (d) _____ .

Hardy : My dear friend, I suddenly remember everything clearly now. Let us discuss our vacation plan.

Que 12. Read the given news headlines. Use this information to complete the news item. (1 × 4 = 4)

1. Demand of water to double by 2030, save now

According to a survey conducted recently, India's demand (a) _____ by the year 2030. Supply of water will be only half of the demand. We must (b) _____ to meet future needs.

2. Open violation of law against child labour Government of India has framed potent laws to curb child labour. It is a matter of regret that even today the law (c) _____ .

3. Anna Hazare and his team break eight days fast.

To the relief of millions of Indians, Anna Hazare and his team (d) _____ days. Consideration of their entry into mainstream politics is almost certain now.

Que 13. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is a missing word in each line. In your answer sheet write the word preceding and following the missing word. Write the missing word against them. The first one has been done for you. (1/2 × 8 = 4)

A teacher's commitment a long
commitment _____ goes
way in moulding student's (a) _____
character. His zeal passion for (b) _____
helping his pupil bound to create (c) _____
positive results for the pupil.
Most the great achievers acknowledge(d) _____
the efforts their teachers put for their (e) _____
improvement. The nobility associated (f) _____
this profession makes sublime really. (g) _____
I salute all teacher's the core
of my heart. (h) _____

Que 14. Given below are some instructions. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. (1 × 4 = 4)

1. Peel the mangoes and chop the fleshy part.
2. Grind the mango pieces in a mixer. Add powdered sugar to it.
3. Pour in milk to this mixture and blend it well to make a thick paste.
4. Add raisins and cashew nuts to the mango-milk mixture.
5. Pour the mixture into Kulfi moulds and put the moulds in the freezer.
6. Mango kulfi gets prepared in 2-3 hours.

In order to prepare delicious, rich mango kulfi, mangoes are (a) _____ into pieces. The mango pieces (b) _____ and sugar is added. Thereafter, milk (c) _____ a thick paste. Raisins and cashew nuts are added to the mango-milk mixture. The mixture (d) _____ in the freezer. Mango kulfi is ready in 2-3 hours.

Section D : Literature

[25 Marks]

Que 15. Read the given extracts the choose the best options to answer the questions that follow.

A. "The thing was going around faster than ever and she was reading the message silently, with her brow corrugated, and the light of the huntress in her pale blue eyes". (1 × 3 = 3)

(a) What is 'the thing' here?

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| (i) Hallock's pen | (ii) Helen's spirit |
| (iii) Ouija Board | (iv) Laura's finger |

(b) Who is 'she' here?

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| (i) Lavinia | (ii) Helen |
| (iii) Mrs Hunt | (iv) Laura |

(c) What message was 'she' reading?

- (i) Hallock must stop taking help of ghosts
- (ii) Hallock must stop the party
- (iii) Hallock was a traitor.
- (iv) Helen was trying to catch attention of Hallock.

B. "And now the STORM-BLAST came, and he was tyrannous and strong;
He struck with his overtaking-wings,
And chased us South along."

(1×3 = 3)

(a) Identify the poetic device in line 3.

(b) What is the significance of writing 'STORM BLAST' in capital letters?

(c) Why does the poet describe the storm blast as tyrannous?

C. "Not that I loved Caesar less, but that I loved Rome more. Had you rather Caesar were living and die all slaves, than that Caesar were dead, to live all free men." (1×3 = 3)

(a) Identify the speaker and the listeners.

(b) What feelings did the speaker have for Caesar?

(c) What is the speaker trying to clarify?

Que 16. Answer the following questions in 50-60 words. (Any three)

(2 × 3 = 6)

(a) State two examples from the text to prove that Patol Babu was a very punctual man.

(b) How was Shultz rescued from the Warzone?

(c) Why does the poet call the snake 'someone' and not 'something'?

(d) What events or developments foretell the murder of Caesar?

Que 17. "You are acting very queerly," she sniffed, "you are concealing something from me." Lavinia gets so suspicious on hearing the word 'traitor' interpreted as Hallock's infidelity that she refuses to believe Hallock or give him a chance. She is ready to divorce him too.

Doubt and suspicion may solve mysteries but they may destroy beautiful relationships. Write a letter to your friend Mehak discussing how doubt, suspicion and jealousy can destroy faith and relationships. You are Punita residing in Daryaganj, New Delhi. (120-150 words) (5)

Que 18. The poem 'Ozymandias' by Shelley mocks the human effort for eternal fame and glory. The poem brings out the transitoriness of human life and accomplishments. Do you agree? Elaborate your view. (120-150 Words)

OR

Write a note on the element of humour in the story 'A Shady Plot'. Quote examples from the text to show how the writer enriches the fiction with humour. (120-150 words) (5)

Answers

1. A. (a) Elevate (b) Human beings (c) Take (d) Fulfil (e) Divine qualities
B. (i) generous (ii) safeguarded
C. (i) Noble things, blessings of God.
(ii) We should live with joy without worrying for food, shelter and clothing.
(iii) A noble conduct
2. A. (i) computer literate
B. (iii) Cursive writing
C. (ii) Puzzled
D. (iii) Superior to
E. (iv) Not old fashioned
3. A. (i) Flowers of the tree
B. (i) You fall so fast, an hour of half's delight
C. (iii) Alliteration
D. (ii) Transitoriness of life
E. (ii) Pages of a book
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ABC School
NOTICE

23rd August, 2012

Workshop for Traffic Rules Awareness

This is to inform the students of classes IX to XII that under the 'Traffic Vigilance' programme, the school is organising a workshop to enhance awareness regarding traffic rules and laws on 13th September 2012 at 10 am in the school premises. Students interested to participate in the same must get their names registered with the undersigned by 31st August, 2012. For further details contact the undersigned.

XYZ
Senior Coordinator

5.

26th September 2012

9:15 pm

I met former President APJ Kalam, the missileman of India today at his residence at Akbar road. He was grace personified as he greeted our group of 30 students. As he interacted with us, I was impressed with his simplicity, his clear hearted attitude. He answered our queries with such patience. His views on India were truly inspiring.

6. Swami Vivekananda, was born in Calcutta in 1863. His father Vishwanath Datta, an advocate in High Court was a learned, charity loving man, known as Narendranath in his childhood, Swami Vivekananda was a scholar in academics as well as excelling in different art forms and music. In 1893, he established India's supremacy in religious and spirituality at Chicago's parliament of world religions. Swami Vivekananda founded Ramkrishna Mission and the Math that facilitates spiritual guidance, education, basic requirements, aid during natural calamities, epidemics etc. to masses across the world. He left for his heavenly abode in 1902, at the age of 39 years.

7.

46, Sector 28
Gurgaon
24th August, 2012
The Editor
The Times
New Delhi

Sub Global Warming-a man made calamity

Sir

Through the columns of your newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the authorities and the common man towards the growing threat of global warming. Since the year 2005, the carbon dioxide content in the air has been increasing steadily with a proportionate rise in global temperature.

As citizens of this world and inhabitants of this planet, we must wake up to the cause of saving our planet. Increasing level of carbon dioxide in air can be reduced by afforestation, using CNG as fuel, regular pollution check of vehicles, strict implementation of laws for standards of environment preservation and our will to restore the atmosphere to its pristine state. I hope the common man as well as the authorities will realise the need of the hour and take prompt action.

Yours truly

Ritika

8.

The Masterpiece

Raghav had always been intense about his passion for painting. He was a wonderful painter. He wished to pursue painting as a career. Alas! Destiny had something else in store. His parents didn't approve of his passion for painting and discouraged him. So Raghav dedicated himself to improve his financial graph and life moved on. He graduated, got a good job, got married and settled down well. But the painter in him was still passionate. One day on his way back from office, he observed some men engaged in a brawl with a young man. He understood the reason. Those, arrogant men had hit the young man's dog brutally. Raghav was touched. He returned home and painted the scene with all his heart. He presented this painting to the dog owner. The dog owner sent it in a national exhibition. Raghav's painting was labelled 'a masterpiece'.

9.

Misuse and Mismanagement of Electricity in India

Over the years, there is a tremendous increase in the demand of electricity with increase in population as well as purchasing power of the people. The demand is higher than the supply. The recent failure of the North and West power grid due to overloading of electricity is only one of the many examples of mismanagement of electricity. Due to the total power failure, the common man faced harassment. Interruption in water supply, failure of metro trains, traffic jams, absence of electricity for hospitals etc. This exposed the shabby state of the electricity management of the distribution companies.

At the time of official surveys, the proper information about the electricity requirement is not conveyed. People use electricity illegally, without paying any bills. Electricity is also wasted in many ways in homes, offices and other areas.

By ABC

10. (a) (ii) was (b) (ii) has (c) (i) won't (d) (iii) looking
(e) (ii) find (f) (i) has been (g) (ii) approval (h) (i) hopeful
11. (a) I have been living in hell (b) Why were you waiting for me
(c) Which plan are you talking about (d) I shall discuss this with your wife
12. (a) for water would have doubled (b) save water now
(c) is being violated openly (d) broke their fast today after eight

13. (a) moulding/student's → a (b) zeal/passion → and
 (c) pupil/bound → are (d) most/the → of
 (e) put/for → in (f) associated/this → with
 (g) makes/subline → it (h) teachers/the → from
14. (a) peeled and the fleshy part is chopped
 (b) are ground in a mixer
 (c) is poured into this mixture and blended to make
 (d) is poured into kulfi moulds and put
15. A. (a) (iii) Ouija Board (b) (iv) Laura
 (c) (iii) Hallock was a traitor
- B. (a) Personification—storm is called 'he' thus attributing it a human quality.
 (b) 'STORM-BLAST' in capital letters highlights its magnitude, strength and its potential for devastation.
 (c) The Storm is called tyrannous as it almost destroys the ship and forces a change of direction.
- C. (a) The speaker is Marcus Brutus and the listeners are the common Roman citizens.
 (b) The speaker had love and respect for Caesar. He was his closest friend. But he loved Rome more than anyone or anything. He innocently trusted the conspirators that Caesar would harm Rome and Roman citizens. Thus, he joined in the murder of Caesar.
 (c) Speaker Marcus Brutus is trying to clarify the reason behind Caesar's murder by himself and the other conspirators.
16. (a) Patol Babu was very punctual. In his service period of nine years at Hudson and Kimberley in Calcutta, he was never late even for a single day. At the shooting also, he was appreciated by Naresh Dutt for his punctuality.
 (b) Michael and Shultz needed a helicopter to escape from the warzone. Amidst fire and bomb explosions, they grabbed a jeep. After a collision with a tank Shultz somehow managed to land just below the helicopter hatch. Michael lifted him up and the helicopter reached safely into the sky. Thus, Michael rescued Shultz from the warzone.
 (c) The poet admires the majesty, the grace, the beauty of the snake. Deep in his heart, he realises the significance of all living species in the design of the cosmos. He understands the value of the snake as a part of this universe. Thus, out of respect, he calls the snake 'someone' and not 'something'.
 (d) Some mysterious and shocking events have taken place in Rome. A lioness has given birth to its cubs on the streets. Graves have opened up. Warriors have been fighting in the sky. Calpurnia's dream of the influential people washing their hands in Caesar's blood is also an evil warning. All these unfortunate events and Calpurnia's dream forecast evil consequences for Caesar.
- 17.

H.No
 X lane
 Daryaganj
 New Delhi
 13th November, 2012
 Dear Mehak

Hope this letter finds you in the best of your health and spirits. I've heard that you're having some issues with your elder brother. I hope the conflict is an insignificant one. You know, dear friend, relationships are the most valuable asset of aspect of our life. Doubts, suspicious, jealousy, or a feeling of unhealthy competition can destroy a relationship. At such times we must remember that tough times do not last, but tough people do, so we should be strong in difficult situations. No situations are adverse enough to take us away from the real treasures of our lives – our family members and loved ones. When the mind is clouded with doubt or suspicion we must remember to think logically and let the other person get a chance to explain his situation. So remember my words and send a reply soon.

Your friend
 Punita

18. Shelley's Ozymandias casts a glance at the human perception of life. Ozymandias accomplished great tasks. He was proud and authoritative. His commanding expression on his visage echo his words on the pedestal of the statue "Look upon my works, ye mighty, and despair(!)". Today, his statue lies in the sand with its face half sunk and the statue broken. The circumstances mock the aspirations of Ozymandias. No one recalls his feats now. The Our efforts bring fruits which are only transitory. Moreover, like Keats, Shelley finds human aims, endeavours, achievements as transitory. There is no permanence in the happiness they give. Like Ozymandias, all great people and their actions fade away with passage of time.

OR

'A Shady Plot' is a unique story that blends supernaturalism and macabre humour. It is a ghost story that amuses the reader. The description of characters and their individual traits creates an atmosphere of hilarity.

Helen's appearance in bits and parts and her disappearance in the same manner is also quite hilarious. Hallock compares it to watching cartoons put together. Hallock fears that Helen's body parts may get mixed up together. His supposition that the ghost had appeared to apply for a stenographer's job is equally funny. Another humorous scene in the story appears when Helen informs Hallock that the human beings prevent the ghosts from the harmless amusement they derive out of haunting human beings. Hallock's clown like behaviour in trying to hide Helen behind himself so that Lavinia doesn't see her also brings out the number.